

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Diversity of media should be encouraged, not destroyed by media megalopolies. Homogenization of the media does not serve the free speech and exchange of ideas and opinions essential to a free democratic society. The current wave of media conglomerization moves us inexorably to the day when a single media entity will control all information. This cannot be allowed. Keep the cap on cable ownership and strengthen the broadcast/newspaper cross-ownership rules to keep the media diverse.